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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Method And Apparatus For Receiving A
Universal Input Voltage In A Welding
Power Source
Attorney Docket No. : ITW 7188.64

Disclosure of Prior Art, Litigation, and Litigation Documents

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP 2001.06(c) Applicant is hereby notifying the Office that at least some of the subject matter being claimed is the subject of an existing litigation (Case No. 1:03-CV-00966, ED Wis), wherein the assignee Illinois Tool Works Inc. has sued Thermal Dynamics Corporation. Applicant is including copies of papers from that litigation, including:

Plaintiffs' Responses and Objections To Thermal Dynamics Corporation's Seventh Set Of Interrogatories

Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaims To Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint

Plaintiffs' Responses and Objections to Thermal Dynamics Corporation's Interrogatories Nos. 22-37 (Eighth Set)

These documents are being provided because the Defendant has asserted the parent patents are invalid. The prior art referred to by the Defendant has previously been cited, or is cited herein.

Respectfully Submitted



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